

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

A. Please replace paragraph [0053] in the original specification with the following paragraph:

[0053] The preferred holder 12 is further formed of semi-rigid yet manually bendable material connecting at least the extension member 30 and the cup holder 34 together as indicated at 48, and preferably further connecting the extension member and the handle 32 together as indicated at 50. These connections are sufficiently rigid to at least substantially maintain their shape while supporting the weight of a filled specimen cup without undue bending or distortion that would result in inconvenience to the user while collecting and handling the specimen. The bendable connection 48 between the extension member and the cup holder enable the user to manually position the angle of the cup holder in relation to the extension member and the handle to his or her preference and convenience. The bendable connection 50 between the extension member and the handle enable manual positioning of the handle in relation to the extension member and the cup holder for further user convenience. Thus, to enable manual bending, and avoid a natural tendency for inadvertent bending to one side or the other, the bendable connections are preferably with a material bending stiffness characteristic that is no greater in the vertical plane passing through the longitudinal axis of the extension member as in the horizontal plane passing through each connection, such as established by the cross-section dimensions of the material or otherwise in such horizontal and vertical planes. In other words, assuming constant material thickness and homogeneous material characteristics, the material thickness at such connections is not greater as viewed from the side (as in FIG. 3) ~~that~~than the material thickness as viewed from the front or top (as in FIGS. 5 or 6).

B. Please replace paragraph [0057] in the original specification with the following paragraph:

[0057] A second alternate embodiment specimen collection device 10B is shown in FIG. 14. This device includes a holder 12B with a handle 32, an extension member 30, a cup holder 34B and associated flange 36B, a cup 14B and a lid 16 as generally described in connection with device 10. In this instance, however, the cup is provided with a locating pin 56, and the cup holder is provided with a slot 58 sized to slidably but with a close fit receive the locating pin. The complimentary pin and slot establish rotational orientation and automatic indexing of the cup in the cup holder, with provision of oppositely facing surfaces of at least one on each that are engagable upon relative rotation therebetween. These engagable surfaces and equivalent known or readily devised indexing structure insure the cup is repeatably positioned in a pre-selected orientation in the cup holder, and thereafter substantially prevents the cup from rotating in the cup holder. Indexing structure is particularly useful for collection devices that utilize the cup and lid connected together, to insure and maintain positioning of the lid laid back and resting on the back portion of the cup holder. Alternately, for example, two pins and holes may be provided to establish both indexing rotational orientation and limiting ~~movement~~ movement guide structure between the cup in the cup holder. As an example of an alternate complimentary cup and cup holder configured for simultaneous positioning and indexing purposes, a third alternate embodiment collection device 10C is shown in FIG. 15 with a rectangular cup 14C and lid 16C, the holder 12C being formed with a complimentary rectangular opening 38C by flange 36C and sized for a sliding but relatively close to snug fit with the cup. The specimen collection device in accordance with the invention may also be sized for collection of a solid specimen from an animal, and such collection will be understood to be encompassed in designation of collection of a urine specimen herein.